

## REMARKS

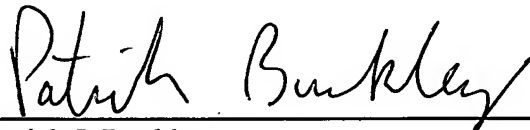
Upon entry of this After Final Amendment, claims 37 and 53 will be canceled.

As a result, claims 26 and 38-52 will remain pending. Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment as it will place the claims in better condition for appeal. A Notice of Appeal and Appeal Brief are also being filed herewith.

Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of the canceled claims in other applications.

If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting allowance of the present application, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned via telephone at (203) 972-0191.

Respectfully submitted,



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